

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11 have been allowed. Claims 10 and 12 therefore are at issue.

The courteous telephonic interview granted by Examiner Webman to applicants' undersigned attorney on August 7, 2007 is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview, the present rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and a proposed claim amendment were discussed. The examiner agreed that the amendment presented herein would overcome the present 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

In particular, claims 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the recitation of "an additional a viscosity modifier" in subparagraph (5) of claim 10. In response, applicants have deleted "a" from this subparagraph of claim 10. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 10, and claim 12 depending therefrom, fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that pending claims 10 and 12, like allowed claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11, are in a form and scope for allowance. An early and favorably action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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